# St. Ambrose Church



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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 2pm. After hours by appointment only.

#### WEEKEND HOLY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; 10:15 am to 10:45 am

**PARISH SCHOOLS:** St. Anne School 519-621-8920

Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

#### Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor

Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678 Monsignor Doyle High School 519-622-1290

**BAPTISM** - The Baptism Preparation Program for parents is required before a Baptism date is scheduled. **MARRIAGE** - Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance, as Marriage Preparation is required. **VISITS and COMMUNION TO THE SICK** - Inform the parish office of hospitalization or home confinement.

#### FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites' For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - for assistance with food vouchers, leave a message at 519-623-8764 - St. Vincent de Paul Value Store 519-629-0103

#### First Saturday Promise:

"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful people pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) confess their sins, 2) receive Holy Communion, 3) recite five decades of the Rosary, 4) keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, 5) and have the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

(Our Lady of Fatima's message to Lucia)

First Saturday Masses are held at 8:00 am each month at St. Ambrose Church.

### Saint Vincent de Paul - Feast Day Sept 27th

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulose where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulose for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunisia and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests – the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern-day seminaries.

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to this religious order, St. Vincent cofounded the *Daughters of Charity* along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris, France on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France.

It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.

He was canonized in 1737. The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.



Tuesday, September 23 – Saint Pio

8:00 am – the intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 - 9:30 am

#### Wednesday, September 24

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

- the intentions of Judith Ngwaba
- intentions of Zach and Natalie
- + SAMANTHA DeSOUSA Lori and Joe
- + CORAL CADOGAN Cecilia and Aldwin
- + BETTY TORO Lourdes and family
- + JOAN MORGAN Cecilia and Aldwin

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

#### Thursday, September 25

8:00 am + DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI FAMILIES and DIANE - Stella and Richard

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

#### Friday, September 26

8:00 am + JOSEPH KASTAL – Ildiko and Robert

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 - 9:30 am

## Saturday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + PIERINA MAGLIOCCO - her husband

- + MARIA ALBUQUERQUE her family
- + VINA FONSECA Zelia B.
- + ELLA NAWROT Anneliese S.
- + DECEASED FAMILY OF SILVINO & MARIA CHAVES
- intentions of Zack and Natalie
- + SOULS IN PURGATORY

**Sunday, September 28** – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am** – For the intentions of all parishioners

**11:00** am + in thanksgiving to Saint Padre Pio

CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

**Next weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society** will have their donation boxes at the church exits – September 27/28. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated!

As a new requirement of the Diocese of Hamilton, each parish is required to conduct a yearly fire drill at the conclusion of Mass. This is the reason we are holding the fire drill today. Thank you for your patience and participation.



### "Be A Man" St. Ambrose Men's Group Sat. October 4

The men's group will be kicking off the Fall session with a Hot Breakfast.

We invite all men 18 yrs of age and older, to come join us for a hot breakfast on October 4th @ 7:00am.

#### Jubilee Multicultural Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the *Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm*. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

## R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Thursday October 2, 2025

This program is for non-Catholics interested in learning about the Roman Catholic faith, as well as for all adult Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation. This program of instruction will begin Thursday October 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Evenings will start with a free meal in the parish hall, followed by video presentations on the Catholic faith. There will also be an opportunity for group discussions and time for questions and answers.

Please register your attendance by phoning the parish office at 519-621-2013 or email stambrose@golden.net



Ages 11 to 13 are welcome to the next gathering on Monday, October 6 & 20th, 6pm to 8pm in the Church Hall.

Ages 14 to 18 are welcome on Tuesday, Sept. 23 6pm to 8pm. Join us in the Church hall for Faith – Fun – Friendship! Snacks provided. Email Rose if you have questions: Youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

#### Jesus Heals – World Shalom Event

Wednesday Sept 24 7pm to 9 pm or Saturday September 27 8am to 12 noon at St. Ambrose Church

Bring your struggles to *Jesus Heals*, a Shalom World Conference healing program, and be transformed in body, mind, and soul. This is a free event, and all are welcome! Led by Fr. Julian Studden, a gifted priest and global speaker. This event includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, spiritual talk, special prayers for healing and blessing the sick. See the posters on our bulletin boards, or visit the website conferences.shalomworld.org then go to the tab "Come and See" scroll down to click on the link for *September 27th* to register.

WALK वंहे FOR LIFE

Cambridge Right to Life annual fundraiser *Walk for Life* will be held on Saturday, September 27th. The need for education about the dignity and sanctity

of life, from conception to natural death is ongoing. Abortion and euthanasia are major concerns in our country, and the truth needs to be continually expressed. Please join us in this peaceful walk and/or offer your support by sponsoring our parish **Deacon Paul Klaassen**, who will walk on behalf of St. Ambrose Parish.

Location for walk begins at the Cambridge Navy Club, 30 Cambridge Street.

Registration time 9:30am. Walk begins at 10am.

Deacon Paul's sponsor sheets will be available at the back of the church.

Can you spare an hour to pray silently and be a witness for the Truth? Life is precious, at all stages,

Please consider joining us in the Campaign Life Coalition Nationwide Life Chain taking place Sunday, October 5th on Hespeler Road, Cambridge, from 1:30 to 2:30 (near the Value Village Plaza)



Forty Days for Life will begin on Wed. September 24th and continues through until Sunday November 2nd, 7am -7pm daily,

across the street from Freeport Hospital at 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Consider signing-up to give an hour of your time to pray for an end to abortion.

Information on how to sign-up for a specific hour is available at the back of the Church today!

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